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SUBJECT: BONN SUMMIT: ANTI HIJACKING DECLARATION

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1. QUAI D'ORSAY AVIATION DIRECTOR CLAUDE LAFONTAINE
REVIEWED SITUATION WITH EMBASSY CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AUGUST
23 AND INDICATED THAT, IN THE WAKE OF OUR AUGUST 10
DEMARCHE AND SUBSEQUENT ONE FROM FRG EMBASSY, FRANCE HAD
OVERCOME ALL OF ITS PREVIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT APPROACH-
ES TO NON-SUMMIT COUNTRIES. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN
ISSUED TO FRENCH AMBASSADORS ABROAD TO COOPERATE WITH
THEIR COLLEAGUES.

2. IT IS THE FRENCH UNDERSTANDING THOUGH THAT THE BONN
MEETING DECIDED THAT THE DEMARCHES IN NON-SUMMIT
COUNTRIES WOULD BE MADE BY THE FRG AMBASSADOR ALONE ON
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BEHALF OF THE SEVEN. FRANCE, SHE SAID, SUPPORTS THAT
APPROACH. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTIONING, SHE
ADMITTED THAT THE INSTRUCTIONS GAVE THE FRENCH AMBASS-
ADORS FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMPANY THEIR GERMAN COLLEAGUE
OR TO DO OTHERWISE AS AGREED BY THE SEVEN AMBASSADORS
IN EACH COUNTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR JUDGMENT AS TO
WHAT THE LOCAL SITUATION REQUIRED. FRANCE, SHE SAID,

ALSO ACCEPTS AUGUST 31 AS THE TARGET DATE FOR
COMPLETING DEMARCHES.

3. PRIOR TO TALKING WITH CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE WE TOUCHED
BASE WITH FRAU KRUGER, COUNSELLOR FOR CONSULAR AND
JUDICIAL AFFAIRS AT THE FRG EMBASSY IN PARIS, WHO SAID
HER CHARGE HAD HAD GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN FINDING
AN APPROPRIATE QUAI OFFICIAL TO TALK TO DURING THE
AUGUST VACATION PERIOD, BUT HE HAD MET WITH DE LA
CHARRIERE (HEAD OF THE LEGAL SECTION) ABOUT AUGUST 12.
DE LE CHARRIERE HAD ALSO ADVISED THAT FRANCE HAD WITH-
DRAWN ITS PREVIOUS RESERVATIONS, BUT WAS INSISTING
THAT IN ALL CASES THE DEMARCHES IN NON-SEVEN COUNTRIES
SHOULD BE MADE BY THE FRG AMBASSADOR ALONG (UNLESS THERE
WAS NO FRG AMBASSADOR IN AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY). THERE
WERE SEVERAL PHONE CALLS BETWEEN KRUGER AND OTHER QUAI
OFFICIALS AFTER DE LA CHARRIERE LEFT TOWN, BUT AS OF
AUGUST 23 SHE HAD NO WORD THAT THE FRENCH WERE PREPARED
TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE. INDEED AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST 22
THE QUAI HAD ASKED FOR A COPY OF THE GERMAN INSTRUC-
TIONS TO ITS AMBASSADORS TO STUDY THE FLEXIBILITY LANG-
UAGE CONTAINED THEREIN. SHE WAS ABOUT TO SEND THAT
MATERIAL TO THE QUAI WHEN WE CALLED. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE
ADVISED KRUGER OF OUR CONVERSATION WITH CLAUDE-LA-
FONTAINE AND SHE AGREED TO LET US KNOW IF THE FRG
EMBASSY GETS A DIFFERENT READING THAT WHAT WE GOT
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FROM CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE.
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